



## REMINDER:

⇒ YCS Students return from Spring Break on Tuesday, April 6th.

⇒ YCS Learning Labs are closed this week due to Spring Break.

⇒ Food Distribution will not take place on Friday, April 2, due to Spring Break.

Our last distribution for this month was Friday, March 26, and will resume on Friday, April, 9.

## Update on Middle School and High School Returning to the Classroom

Ypsilanti Community Schools is bringing back our middle school and high school students starting April 19th and May 3rd. Please see the chart below to determine your child's return date but note these dates are subject to change.

School	Demographics	3-29-2021	4-6-2021	4-12-2021	4-19-2021	4-26-2021	5-3-2021		
Holmes	Grade Level	Spring Break	4th, 5th & SC - ASD						
Estabrook	Grade Level		4th, 5th & SC						
Erickson	Grade Level		5th Grade						
YIES	Grade Level		5th Grade						
Beatty ELC	Grade Level								
Ford ELC	Grade Level		1st Grade						
Perry ELC	Grade Level		1st Grade						
YCMS	Grade Level							6th Grade & SC*	7th & 8th Grade
YCHS	Grade Level							9th & 12th Grade	10th & 11th Grade
ACCE	Grade Level								
**Dates are subject to change. Any changes will be immediately communicated with families.									

Please review the [letter Superintendent Alena Zachery-Ross](#) sent to parents with details on our students' return. The letter includes videos and letters from each building principal at the preschool and elementary school level. These videos will help

you navigate your students' first day back.

**\*\*Reminder that students who have signed up for online/remote learning all year long will remain in that learning mode and should not return to school. If you have any concerns about your child's learning mode, please contact your building principal.**

**YCS Kindergarten Round Up (In-Person)--Save the Dates! Flyers coming soon!**

**Kindergarten Round-up Dates for Perry ELC and Ford ELC**

- Appointments Only - NEED TO SET UP APPOINTMENTS ONLINE

Dates and Times:

April 16th and May 14th from 9:00am-5:00pm (closed for lunch 12:00-1:00pm)

June 3rd from 3:00pm-7:00pm

**Kindergarten Round-up Information: FOR YIES STUDENTS ONLY - APPLICATION ONLY**

YIES 2021-22 Application and Admissions Process will be sent out soon

**Save the Dates:**

- Ypsilanti Community Schools Boots on the Ground Community Partners Meeting on April 7, 2021 starting at 10am. [Sign up now!](#)
- YCS Virtual Career Fair on April 20, 2021 from 12-2pm! Visit our website for more information and sign-up.
- YCS Town Hall meeting with NAMI and Washtenaw Area Council for Children on April 21, 2021 at 6 p.m. Flyer coming soon
- YCHS Graduation is June 3rd. More information coming soon!

**Attention Community Partners:**

Ypsilanti Community Schools appreciates the dedication and commitment of community partners. This past year has brought more challenges than anyone could imagine. Through a partnership between Eastern Michigan University and University of Michigan, students are

working to gather information from community partners about their ability to continue working with schools during the pandemic. Please take a few moments to complete [the form](#) below.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScjuSyY2-hOvMDNcvLMEpKu3j7sfiGxx9QoD2oAFKlIVk\\_dyw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScjuSyY2-hOvMDNcvLMEpKu3j7sfiGxx9QoD2oAFKlIVk_dyw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Lauren Kline, EMU School of Social Work student at [lkline7@emich.edu](mailto:lkline7@emich.edu) and/or Daicia Price at [daiciars@umich.edu](mailto:daiciars@umich.edu).

## **Volunteers Needed for Ypsilanti Blood Drive:**

### **Information about the drive:**

- Location: Ypsilanti Freighthouse
- April 15th
- Time: 12:00 - 6:00 PM
- Volunteer shifts: 12 - 2 PM, 2 - 4 PM, 4 - 6 PM
- Volunteer duties:
  - Temp Taker - All donors must have their temp taken on arrival at the blood drive. This person will guide the donors on where to stand for the system to properly take body temperature. If the event this system isn't working, they would have to do oral temperatures. Plan for the temp taking camera/tablet system.
  - Registration - This person signs the donors into the red cross computer, checks their appointment time, ensure they have an ID and that they have read the pre donation materials (available at the drive) or filled out rapid pass. We want someone in this role about 15 min before the drive starts until the end time of 6p.
  - Canteen - This person gets the donors snacks and drinks after donation. They watch the donors and interact to ensure the donors are feeling ok. In the event a donor doesn't feel well, they will notify the Red Cross staff. We want someone in this role from 12p until about 6:45p or until the last donor is through the process.

Also, we're looking to have about 3-4 volunteers per shift.

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# SummerWorks

Washtenaw County Summer Youth Employment Program



## Do More this Summer. Invest in your Future.

SummerWorks is a 10-week summer professional development, employment, and mentorship program for young adults in Washtenaw County (ages 16-24). This program provides the opportunity to:

- Network with local professionals
- Explore career opportunities and new industries
- Build essential job and leadership skills

## What are you signing up for?

- You can expect to...
  - Improve your "Essential Skills" such as resume writing, interviewing, & more.
  - Be matched with a mentor from a local organization, business, or government.
  - Attend career sneak peeks with guest speakers who will show you what it's like to work in their field.
- You may be selected for a PAID Summer Internship, which means
  - Working 10 weeks, 20 hours a week from June through August



*"SummerWorks is awesome. It offers youth the opportunity to be in spaces and around people we can learn from."*

*- SummerWorks Young Adult*

*"Before this summer I didn't know how to act in a professional setting or in a job interview. You don't learn that in school!"*

*- SummerWorks Young Adult*

*"I love the opportunity to work in a professional setting and gain work experience. I feel more prepared for my next job and my career."*

*- SummerWorks Young Adult*

For more information, including how to apply:



[SummerWorks.info](http://SummerWorks.info)



[syesupport@umich.edu](mailto:syesupport@umich.edu)

# 2021 Summer Playground Camp



## In-Person Camp RE-OPENING!!

Due to the COVID-19 registration Summer Camp will have limitations:

- 30 Camper limit (per site)
- 4 consecutive weeks max for registration
- Daily health screenings

### TO REGISTER

1. ONLINE at [parksonline.ewashtenaw.org](https://parksonline.ewashtenaw.org)

2. MAIL IN applications to  
PO Box 8645  
Ann Arbor, MI 48107



For more information please contact Karen Harris at [harrisk@washtenaw.org](mailto:harrisk@washtenaw.org)



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It's still not business as usual, but it may be just the right time to enroll in our **online-virtual program**. Experience classroom learning with the expertise of certified instructors from the safety of your home. For now, we've moved our program to a virtual format that still allows us to provide students with the integrated curriculum and comprehensive support we are known for.

Pathway students prepare for college, career, and training opportunities with an option to earn Micro credentials in: *Essential Computer Skills, Digital Communications, Workplace Readiness, and Financial Literacy.*

**GED Pathway classes start April 12**  
Morning, Evening, and Self-Paced Sessions Available  
All new students must attend one mandatory orientation offered between March 8-April 1, 2021

- Ages 16+
- A valid, government issued ID
- Social Security number

Space is limited so call to sign up for GED Pathway classes today!  
734-677-5006 or visit our website at

<https://www.wccnet.edu/start-now/ged/>

## FREE ESL CLASSES & CONVERSATION GROUPS START APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup>!



- Ages 18+
- A valid, government issued ID

For more information:

Call/Text/Whatsapp:

734-219-3781

Email: [jjenisia@wccnet.edu](mailto:jjenisia@wccnet.edu)



Go directly to:

<http://bit.ly/Signup4ESL> to register!

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**The Washtenaw County Health Department** has a new data portal that will provide weekly updates on vaccinations and breaks down information by zip code, including vaccine providers. Please click on the links to retrieve this information.

<https://www.washtenaw.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=1452>

<https://www.washtenaw.org/3332/Vaccine-Data>

<https://www.washtenaw.org/3337/Vaccine-Providers-in-Washtenaw-County>

**The TEFL Academy** (<https://www.theteflacademy.com>) are extremely excited to tell you that we're offering a scholarship to students at [Ypsilanti Community Schools](#). We would love to make an application for this scholarship to be available to all your students.

The TEFL Academy is all about supporting students who want to uncover the life changing career path that is Teaching English as a Foreign Language abroad. We believe in the importance of education and the incredible impact it has on everyone's lives. As such, we're sponsoring a contest for students who want to pursue a career as a TEFL teacher in order to receive a \$2,500 scholarship from The TEFL Academy.

## **Eligibility**

In order to take part in the scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a US citizen
- Must be a current student at [Ypsilanti Community Schools](#)
- Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Must be in good academic standing with your institution
- Submissions must be made in email to [scholarships@theteflacademy.com](mailto:scholarships@theteflacademy.com), include their full name, address, date of birth, name of the school they're currently attending, phone number and GPA – along with a 30-60 second video clip (videos can be uploaded directly to YouTube or any other video sharing platform and they can include the link in the email) talking about why they're looking to pursue a career teaching English abroad.
- We want to know how they'd strive to change people's lives in their career as a TEFL teacher, a little bit about them and their background.

- Deadline for applications is July 1st, 2022

The link to our scholarship page for full info is here:

<https://www.theteflacademy.com/scholarships>

### **NEW Learning Lab Locations!!!**

Parkridge Learning Labs have spots available for YCS students. Please see the flyer for more details on registration.

#### **Parkridge Learning Lab**

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 3:00pm

Grades K-5

Email: [learninglabs@ycschools.us](mailto:learninglabs@ycschools.us)

#### **uniteSTEM Learning Lab**

Monday - Thursday

8:30am - 3:00pm

Grades 2-8

Email: [learninglabs@ycschools.us](mailto:learninglabs@ycschools.us)

#### **Hamilton Crossing\***

Tuesday & Thursdays

1:00pm - 3:00pm

All Grades

Capacity: 12

\*Residents only

Contact Mark Hammond (734) 340-2411



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## **Reminder: YCS Code of Conduct**

Parents and guardians, please be reminded that the Ypsilanti Community Schools Code of Conduct is in full effect during online learning. Students must display appropriate behavior while attending in-person classes, along with virtual classes. Any disciplinary issues will be reported to the administration and could result in disciplinary action, including suspension or further disciplinary action by the Board of Education. Please

visit [www.ycschools.us](http://www.ycschools.us) for more information on the Code of Conduct.

### **Sign-up for School Happenings**

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